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SHARING MACHINE

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Examiner: N. Arjomandi

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 7, 2009 (Paper No. 20090701), for which a response is due on August 7, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions as required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- a. Claims 1-8, drawn to query formulation, input preparation, class 707, subclass 4.
- b. Claims 9-28, drawn to query processing (i.e., searching), class 707, subclass 3.

Applicant hereby elects Group b (claims 9-28), without traverse.

Applicant expressly reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application directed on the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing **652182000100**. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Dated: July 27, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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